

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and remarks filed.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20060330</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Proehl (Reg. No. 35,987) on 3/29/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

At paragraph 1, line 2, after July 31, 2001, replace "(currently pending)" with "now abandoned."

In the Claims

At claim 8, lines replace lines 1-3 (i.e. the entire preamble of the claim), with "A computer readable storage medium having a program of instructions stored thereon, that when executed cause an information handling system to execute steps for assigning Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, the steps comprising:"

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At claim 9, line 1, replace "The program of instructions" with "The computer readable storage medium".

At claim 10, line 1, replace "The program of instructions" with "The computer readable storage medium".

At claim 11, line 1, replace "The program of instructions" with "The computer readable storage medium".

At claim 12, line 1, replace "The program of instructions" with "The computer readable storage medium".

At claim 13, line 1, replace "The program of instructions" with "The computer readable storage medium".

At claim 14, line 1, replace "The program of instructions" with "The computer readable storage medium".

Replace claim 22 with the following:

22. In a local network of one or more hosts, a system for assigning Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, comprising:

a processor;

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a memory coupled to said processor, wherein said memory ~~is~~ stores a list of available features for at least one host within the local network;

a display coupled to said processor, wherein said display provides said list of available features to a user;

an input device coupled to said processor, wherein said input device receives a selection by said user of one of said available features from said list;

logic executed by the processor, wherein said logic identifies hosts present within a local network, analyzing if said feature selected by said user requires a static IP address to be assigned to said at least one host, and

assigning an IP address to said at least one host, wherein a static IP address is assigned to said at least one host if said selected feature requires said static IP address.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The applicant's arguments, see pages 9-11 of remarks filed 1/9/06, are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-32 are withdrawn.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest

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alone or in combination a system and method comprising:
identifying hosts present on a local network, displaying a list of features for at least one of the hosts, receiving a selection of one of the available features, analyzing if the selected feature requires a static IP address, and assigning a static IP address to the at least one host if the selected feature requires a static IP address as required by the independent claims, in combination with the other recited claim limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eron J. Sorrell whose telephone number is 571 272-4160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on 571-272-4147. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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